

SBA Minutes November 9, 2011

November 9, 2011
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Room 270

I. Call to Order- Absent: Brian Caplan, Shannon Strege

II. Roll Call & Approve Minutes
Minutes from last two weeks PASSED

III. Guest Speakers – None.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Kendra
a. No report

V. Senator Reports / Committee Reports
a. Carl: reduction of SBA fees for evening students
i. Many events that evening students cannot attend because of work
ii. Contributing money to a fund which funds things evening students cannot attend
b. Carl: monetary incentives for student organizations who have events which evening students can attend. (4:30-6:30 time frame)
i. Part in by-laws that if you can tape the event or have it when evening students are available
ii. Possibly changing it to create bigger monetary incentives to encourage groups to pay

Chad: fully on board to get extra money. A lot of times groups want to have lunch events so there are more people. By giving org cash to do it, then can put event on.

Jonathan: problem with evening student classes to have a break. I think we should incentivize it, but we could push for half hour events

Ari: the money is there for night students to enjoy if they want it. For travel, or what not. If get more night students involved in organizations, then evening students can contribute. All the big social committee stuff evening students do get to enjoy.

Andy: Ideal time slot is 4:45-5:30 that evening students can often make it to. I don't think a lot of night students would get involved.

Carl: In response to Ari's point, I agree, but those events are more social and less professional.

Chad: monetary incentive for orgs to have an evening student on the board/in org

Tony: more in favor of reduction of the fees because there is a lot less events and that is the reality, paying more for a lot less

Ramsey: Have technology to record. More students at noon hour. Still get full benefit.

Eric: all for incentive, but question is how much it will be utilized. Space is a huge issue from 4:45 hour. We want to have seats full, better for speakers. Still option for people to email them if recorded. Big concern for incentive of having an evening member in organization that organizations would fill spot as strongman to get money.

Katy: possibly a two-fold approach having a strongman spot combining with required evening programming.

Andy: If have evening rep do something such as talking to the class. We have 2/3 of the credits, evening students would be happy to have reduced price.

Ari: Added complication because evening students have four years to participate in events and also fee is only paid one time at the beginning and transfer to the day program.

Jex: To assume that day students to attend all lunch time meetings could be incorrect. There are also day students who can't go to lunch meetings.

Carl: Which makes a push for incentivizing all the same; folks in day and evening program. Important to reach out to evening students, make them feel welcome. Like Katy's suggestion of two-fold approach.

Carl: Move to create an ad hoc committee to discuss evening fees and programming issues.

Andy: 2nd

MOTION PASSED

c. Ron: Pancake Breakfast

i. Information for Nov. 29th, contacted Syrup and Snooze.

1. Syrup: wanted to have silver dollar pancakes (3), have different syrups that we can use, price estimate: \$7.50-\$8.50 per person. Also offer gluten free pancakes.
2. Snooze: Pineapple upside pancakes, cinnamon butter, sweet potato pancakes, Ghiradelli chocolate chip pancakes, 3.50 per pancake
3. People want SNOOZE (yum!)

d. Kendra and Eric: Travel Policy

i. Discussed trip report/presentation, so can give it back to DU

Suggested addition to bylaws (draft)

Each student that receives funding pursuant to a SBA Travel Request shall:

- (1) submit a trip report to be posted on the SBA website; and
- (2) give a presentation to the general student body through an applicable student organization* within the semester that the funds are provided unless otherwise approved by the SBA finance committee.

*If no applicable student organization exists, fund recipient may make presentation before SBA.

Matt: What does a trip report look like?

Kendra: it is very small, Alex provided us with a template.
Eric: Website is incentive to make it good, see where money is going to.
Ari: For transparency, to see what it entails where money is going.
Andy: went through trip report, what it would look like.
Casey: could you combine it with requirements already required to meet with committee?
Alix: it would be after the trip, to create an archive of events and future direction for students going.
Andy: this is a rough draft, combining it with the travel request form is logical because can turn it in before or after.
Carl: Can you please send copy of draft out?
Kendra: Idea of having a finance committee travel chairperson to deal with administrative duties. The concern of whether someone doesn't do it, possibly would reflect future funding requests. Want people to get funds, shouldn't be viewed as discouraging people to get funds.
Alix: often travel in groups, put onus on student group. If you are asking for students to travel, should make sure trip reports are in. use as guide in funding.
Ari: senator on committee, unofficial, communicate it, help with continuity
Tony: we aren't saying, can't get money before turn in.
Kendra: no, flexible, can get money.
Alix: have form online
Eric: procedurally have a meeting at SBA meeting to discuss (on the 16th), ratify it, and have a 2/3 vote.

Email will be sent out to student body

- e. If anyone interested in running for governor of ABA for our circuit, have meeting in late Feb. for Phoenix, can apply for funding. Go to www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/about_us/leadership/Leadership_opportunities.html#govs.
- f. Mimi: met about bookstore, but we are in the red because we are not making any money. Came up with new plan, starting next week doing a table in the forum to get rid of books. Do it the first three weeks of every semester and last three weeks of any semester. Also going to start keeping an inventory list and putting it online. Either sending it out or anything that goes out from SBA. In between those time periods, it will be by appointment only. Set up an email, or keep a student's email as contact. Biggest issue is the computer isn't working upstairs and we don't know who owns books. Trying to change things around. Current inventory, possibly getting rid of books or selling to amazon and using that money to purchase used and new supplements and sell those for cash. And go into funding.
 - i. Sending out an email
 - ii. Can bring books to be sold
 - iii. Book store gets 20% of profits

VI. President's Report

- a. Therapy dogs this year- relieve stress and help you do better in school.
Katie Vilders was able to work with an organization to bring dogs Monday
November 28 and November 29.

Matt: Move that new policy starts next semester

Tony: 2nd

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VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjourn